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DEPT FOR G EVA WEIGOLD AND KATE FRIEDRICH

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE: INVITING WOMEN LEADERS TO A FORUM ON
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND BUILDING TOLERANT SOCIETIES

REF: A. STATE 31649

[B](#). WONG/RENZ (WEIGOLD FREIDRICH AND RAZICK) EMAIL
2/27/05

[1](#)1. (U) In response to reftel A, post contacted potential invitees Salma Ali and Dr. Shahnaz Huda and extended an invitation to attend the March 8 Washington Women's Forum with First Lady Laura Bush and Secretary of State Rice as scheduled speakers. Dr. Huda regretted that she will not be able to attend the Washington Forum as she is attending a conference in the UK.

[1](#)2. (U) Ms. Salma Ali stated that while she will be traveling to the United States to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, she is undecided whether she can attend the Washington Forum. She departed Dhaka for New York on February 28. Her telephone number in New York is 718 261 [1](#)2033. You can leave a message with Mr. Musharaff. Her Dhaka contact number is 0175 012 326. She has been given the telephone numbers for the Bangladesh Desk and for coordinators in G (Reftel B). As she did not anticipate additional travel to Washington, she has expressed concern for possible defrayment of the additional costs of travel. Her Email address is advsalma ali@yahoo.com.

[1](#)3. (U) Post Contact is Poloff Robert Wong (wongre@state.gov). The phone is 880 2 885 5500 X2306.
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